GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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SCHEME FOR DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government formulated a scheme for the development and expansion of National Highways in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of quantum of funds made available by the Government during the Ninth Plan period for the purpose; and

(d) the details of funds actually spent on this with special reference to Maharashtra?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD KHANDURI)

(a) to (d) Development including expansion of National Highways is a continuing process based on traffic needs, inter-se priority and availability of funds. During Ninth Plan period a length of about 23,814 km has been added to the National Highways network.An amount of Rs. 16844.09 crore was allocated for development of National Highways during the Ninth Planand an expenditure of Rs.15557.41 crore was incurred (upto Feb. 2002).For Maharashtrathe allocation was Rs. 1007.59 crore and expenditure of Rs. 848.88 crore (upto Feb. 2002)